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AHEAD OF THE GAMES

Stan Bobb, chairman of Saskatchewan First Nation Community Development Corp., joins the two North American Indigenous Games mascots — described as symbols by event officials — Paskwa-Moostoos, left, and Tatanka Ci'Stina on Tuesday at a downtown Regina hotel. They unveiled the designs of the medals that will be awarded to winning athletes at the Games in the Queen City in July. Story, page 4.

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'Silence of the deans' at U of S?

TransformUS under fire. Professor says university intimidating faculty over cuts

A University of Saskatchewan professor says faculty are being intimidated to keep quiet about an overhaul that includes cuts.

Robert Buckingham, executive director at the School of Public Health, says the university president told senior leaders not to speak out about the process known as TransformUS.

"Her remarks were to the point: she expected her senior leaders to not 'publicly disagree with the process or findings of TransformUS'; she added that if we did our 'tenure would be short,'" Buckingham wrote in a letter to the provincial government and Opposition NDP.

"With that meeting there was the 'silence of the deans.' Never in my 40 years of academic life have I seen academics being told that they could not speak out and debate issues."

The Saskatoon-based university released a plan last month that includes cutting jobs, reorganizing the administration and dissolving some programs to try to save about $25 million.

The cuts are part of a bigger response by the university to address a projected $44.5-million deficit in its operating budget by 2016.

The plan calls for the school of public health to be rolled into the college of medicine, but Buckingham worries that could jeopardize the college's recently earned international accreditation. In January 2014, the school became the first school of public health in North America to have their masters of public health program accredited by the Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation.

NDP Leader Cam Broten, who raised the issue in the legislature on Tuesday, says the provincial government needs to find out what is happening at the university.

"It's a publicly funded institution and while the university has autonomy, it's absolutely important and appropriate for government to be asking probing questions, to ask about are academics free to discuss their ideas and present their concerns," said Broten.

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Minister responds

Advanced Education Minister Rob Norris says issues of organization and renewal are "the purview" of the university, but that accreditation is not at stake.

- Norris says professors should not be told to keep quiet, but also that he needs to find out if different rules apply to those in administrative roles.

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Ex-Roughrider assaulted outside liquor store

Former Saskatchewan Roughriders player and general manager Al Ford spent several hours at a Regina hospital this week after he was assaulted in an attempted robbery outside a liquor store.

Ford, 70, left the south-end store with beer on Monday shortly after 4 p.m. and was putting it in his car when a man who had been inside, and possibly another suspect, confronted him.

"One of them came up to him and said, 'Hey, you're the guy that (robbed) me last night,'" Sally Ford, Al's wife, said of the incident just off Albert Street.

"And (Al) said, 'No I didn't.' So they tried to take his beer and (Al) says, 'No, you're not taking my beer.' And that's the last he remembers."

Resisting the robbery attempt, the former CFL star was punched in the face before the suspect fled the scene.

Ford — who won the Grey Cup with the Riders as a defensive back and punter in 1966 and again as the team's GM in 1989 — suffered a jaw fracture and a fracture near his eye.

A witness rushed to help and saw the licence plate number of the attacker's vehicle.

Police tracked down the vehicle, leading to an arrest that night. Investigators are trying to find a possible second suspect.

Tyler Leon Joe Alexson, 29, is charged with robbery/assault with intent to steal, and breach of recognizance.

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Woman pleads for help in solving her father's murder

2010. Roger Byer was the type of man 'who would have given the shirt off his back to anyone'

Mounties are appealing to the public for any information on a possible suspect vehicle as they continue to probe the 2010 homicide of Prince Albert resident Roger Byer.

Staff Sgt. Larry Brost, acting officer in charge of the Saskatchewan RCMP's major crimes unit, is urging members of the public who remember seeing a black, heavy-duty work truck in the area of Highway 41 between Yellow Creek and Meskanaw on Jan. 20, 2010 to contact their local police service.

"Investigators believe there were at least two people in the vehicle when it was in the area," Brost told media on Tuesday at the RCMP's divisional headquarters in Regina.

Investigators, Brost said, have new information that the truck was seen on a seasonal road off Highway 41.

Byer, a service technician for ATMs, was last seen on Jan. 20, 2010 in Melfort where he was working on a machine.

Courtney Byer, his daughter, contacted police in Prince Albert to report her father missing six days later.

His body was discovered on April 1, 2010 at an abandoned farm site south of Highway 41 between Yellow Creek and Meskanaw.

"(My dad) was the type of man who would have given the shirt off his back to anyone," Courtney Byer said at the RCMP news conference.

"All we have left of him now are memories."

Police point to theft as a possible motive in the homicide, noting that Byer was in possession of tens of thousands of dollars in cash as part of his job.

Investigators are working on the assumption that the person or people who killed Byer knew of his occupation.

Brost noted, however, that a motive can't be confirmed until police "locate those responsible for Mr. Byer's death."

Anyone with information can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

Courtney Byer, daughter of homicide victim Roger Byer, speaks to media Tuesday at Regina's divisional RCMP headquarters while Staff Sgt. Larry Brost, acting officer in charge of the force's major crimes unit in Saskatchewan, stands nearby. RCMP are urging members of the public to provide information on a possible suspect vehicle that had been in the rural area where the body of Roger, inset, was discovered in April 2010. MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO; INSET: COURTESY RCMP

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University of Regina opens new $13-million water research centre

IECS. Institute will study effects of society on water quality

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U of R PhD student Heather Haig tests water samples at the Institute of Environmental Change and Society, a new $13-million water research centre. SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

The University of Regina has opened a $13-million research centre that will study the effects of society and the environment on water quality, availability, use and protection.

The Institute of Environmental Change and Society (IECS) is a 6,500-square-foot facility to be used by Canada Research Chairs, scholars and students alike, providing information to agencies nationally and internationally.

"We try to understand how much the environment and water are changing and what's causing it," said Dr. Peter Leavitt, laboratory director and Canada Research Chair in Environmental Change and Society.

"Our job is to inform decision-makers."

The institute will use 20 years' worth of information gathered by the U of R. It has begun working on projects involving other Canadian provinces and bodies of water in Regina.

"This institute will help to ensure that we continue to be at the forefront, particularly in the area of new organic pollutants and the impact they have on water quality, ecosystem integrity, wildlife conservation and human health," said Gilles Patry, president and CEO of the Canadian Foundation of Innovation (CFI).

The centre allows undergraduate and graduate students to work with experts and to develop hands-on scientific skills.

"This institute is a model for the future ... as it provides students with the skills from learning to earning," said Advanced Education Minister Rob Norris.

The centre has been funded by the provincial government ($5.4 million), CFI ($2.8 million), Canadian Knowledge Infrastructure Program ($2 million), the federal government ($2 million) and private companies ($700,000) and organizations.

Hardware. North American Indigenous Games medals revealed

The team behind the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) has unveiled the medals and mascots for the multi-sport event to be held in Regina in July.

NAIG chief executive officer Ron Crowe said at a news conference on Tuesday that a Regina influence is in the medals and in the event's two buffalo mascots, which are described by games officials as symbols to respect their sacredness to indigenous groups.

The medals will be produced by Regina company Laurie Artiss Ltd. — The Pin People.

"It has a circle with four parts and a figure of an athlete in motion, which symbolizes the interconnection of all life," Crowe explained at a downtown Regina hotel.

"Having these in our medals represents the community we represent, and they come from our territory."

An adult buffalo symbol is known as Paskwa-Moostoos, which is Cree for buffalo, while a youth symbol will be named Tatanka Ci'Stina, or Dakota for little buffalo.

Games officials pull away a banner to reveal the event's medal designs on Tuesday. SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

Together, both symbols will be called The Gathering of the Buffalo Children.

This year's NAIG will bring athletes and teams from 26 of North America's indigenous communities to Regina to compete in 15 sports from July 20 to 27.

"It is a showcase of our youth displaying virtues of hard work, training, and setting and reaching goals," said Stan Bobb, chairman of Saskatchewan First Nation Community Development Corp. SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

Big River

Mothballed sawmill reopens

A northern Saskatchewan sawmill that has been shuttered since 2006 has finally reopened.

The provincial government says the Big River lumber mill will directly employ up to 100 people and could mean another 250 jobs in timber harvesting, trucking, road construction and reforestation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Métis National Council

President says AGM vote didn't follow the rules

A Saskatchewan aboriginal group has asked the federal government to stop funding the Métis National Council after the re-election of its president.

Last weekend, the council held its annual general meeting in Winnipeg where Clem Chartier was re-elected president in a 28-27 vote. Métis Nations of Saskatchewan president Robert Doucette says the meeting and the vote did not follow rules and a constitution. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Year 2064: Obesity cure,

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Protesters demand fat control therapy for all

Weight pain. Minister of health draws a hard line in his refusal to fund life-saving treatment for obesity

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Criticism of the Ministry of Health reached a new level this week as two more advocacy groups joined calls for the ministry to begin funding an effective anti-obesity treatment that has been commercially available for more than a decade.

Healthy Weight Canada and End Obesity Now say that the ministry is denying Canadians access to what they consider a life-saving treatment.

Canada continues to deny health care coverage for Zaponectin, an injectable hormone therapy that controls appetite, boosts metabolism and promotes weight loss. It also protects against glucose intolerance and insulin resistance — two conditions that are precursors to adult-onset diabetes.

Cost for the initial and follow-up treatments can reach over $250,000 — an amount out of reach for many of the patients who need it most.

Over the years, the ministry has argued Zaponectin is a non-essential treatment, falling into the alternative therapy and cosmetic category.

"Obesity is a lifestyle choice," said Marcus Aarles, minister of health and long-term care for the ruling Newer Democratic Party.

Aarles has repeatedly come under criticism for the hard line he has taken in refusing to fund the treatment, especially when, earlier this year, The American Republic agreed to add Zaponectin as an approved and funded medical treatment.

The drug first appeared on the market in 2053 and was immediately adopted by the wealthy as a way to maintain svelte physiques. The treatment stimulates the production of adiponectin, a hormone secreted from fat cells. In an individual of healthy weight, adiponectin stimulates metabolism, protects against cellular damage and controls appetite. However, as a person becomes obese, their body stops producing the hormone.

"It is not the duty of the government to fund treatments that help people look better in bikinis," Aarles said at the time.

"It's terrifying that the man making important decisions about our health care has such a prejudiced view of those suffering from obesity," said Anne Pechlof, director of End Obesity Now, a group that works to promote healthy body weight through gene and hormone therapy.

On Tuesday, Pechlof led a group of more than 100 protesters to Parliament Hill, demanding that the government immediately begin funding Zaponectin. "In 2064, it's a disgrace that people are dying of turn-of-the-century ailments like cardiovascular disease and diabetes. The Newer Democratic Party government doesn't take a long-term view with this treatment," said Pechlof.

"If more people had access to Zaponectin, we would eliminate the need to treat obesity-related ailments."

Aarles, however, maintains the responsibility for one's health lies with the individual. "Time and again, we see that a healthy diet and exercise are all that's needed to avoid many of these diseases. The government refuses to burden the taxpayer with the mistakes of people who have no self-control."

"We aren't asking for this to look good," said Pechlof at the rally. "We are asking for this to even the playing field between rich and poor. Not only are those who can't afford this treatment suffering health problems, they are also suffering from the demeaning stigma associated with being overweight."

Find out the real story

- We're creative folk, but we didn't just make this stuff up! These stories are fictional extrapolations of research right now. Go to metronews.ca/features/metro-2064/ to read about University of Edmonton researcher Jason Dyck's findings about adiponectin and how it might bring about an answer to the problem of obesity.

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Ford found. Former Toronto mayor resurfaces after half a century in hiding

Former Toronto mayor Rob Ford came out of hiding Tuesday, a half century after he disappeared amid the biggest scandal of that era.

In 2014, Ford left Toronto in the middle of his re-election campaign to seek help for his drug and alcohol use after he was caught on numerous videos making derogatory comments about women and minorities.

Ford did not return by election day. As time went by, his brother, Coun. Doug Ford, continued to refuse to identify the rehab facility Ford was at for treatment, and theories about his whereabouts multiplied.

In late 2016, the media frenzy over Ford's whereabouts reached a fever pitch over a suspected Ford sighting in the Ontario wilderness, but it turned out to be a balding bear.

Today, "Ford Truthers" continue to promote the idea that Ford's candidacy was a left-wing conspiracy engineered to make conservatives look bad and claim that Rob Ford — and in fact the whole Ford family — were only ever actors.

In the age of blanket surveillance, most observers concluded that with no reputable sighting of him in all these years, he must have died.

However Ford, alive, well and remarkably fit for a 97-year-old, shocked everyone Tuesday when he called an unexpected press conference. He revealed that he's been at a yoga retreat on a remote island off B.C. for the last five decades, one of the few places the electronic eyes of the government and the press neglected to watch.

"Namaste, maggots," he said, in his first media scrum in 50 years. "Yoga is amazing. It reminds me of football camp. Kind of like the Washington Redskins camp I went to as a kid."

Following a period of medically supervised detox back in 2014, Ford turned to yoga therapy to work through his mental health issues. After finding he was no longer angry with his political opponents, he had no desire to return to politics, he said.

"I've been working out like an animal," he said. "Those yogi, they really work at their downward dogs."

JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO

lab lungs, Ford Truthers

Protesters took to Parliament Hill on Tuesday to demand government funding for Zaponectin, a hormone therapy that has proven successful for treating obesity. They argue that obesity should be treated as a disease with deadly consequences.

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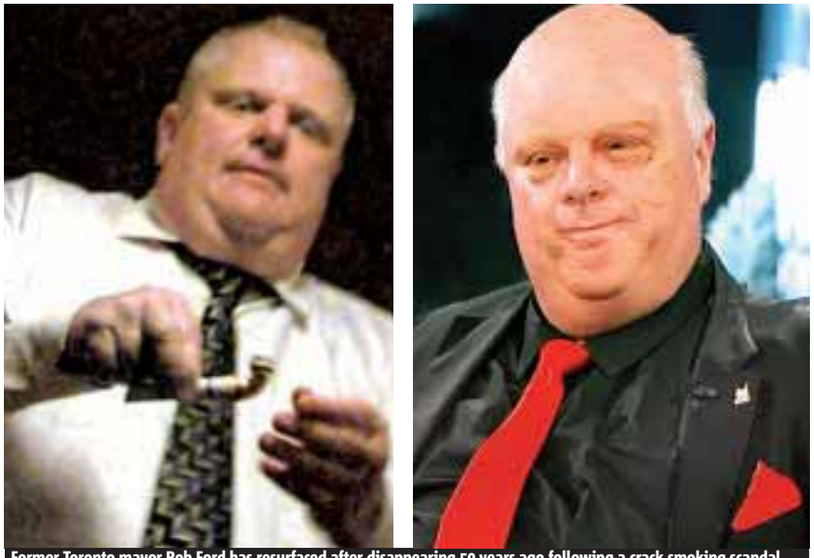

Former Toronto mayor Rob Ford has resurfaced after disappearing 50 years ago following a crack smoking scandal. Ford looks young for his 97 years, thanks to a regimen of anti-aging drugs and yoga. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: DAVID VAN DYKE

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ORGAN DISPUTE JEOPARDIZES PHENOM'S CAREER

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He may skate like Bobby Orr and make plays like The Great One, but hockey's current golden boy also happens to have something those legendary players never had — super lungs.

The Trans-National Hockey League confirmed Tuesday what had been rumoured on viral media for weeks — Joseph Bijral of the Regina Ice Breakers has a pair of vat-grown lungs. They're bigger, stronger, and operate at about 12 per cent greater efficiency than your average TNHL forward's. Now that his full medical records have been made public by the young phenom himself, we know Bijral received the artificial organs as a last-resort, life-saving measure after a near-fatal vehicular accident at age 11. He's 21 now.

Artificially-grown organ technology was in its adolescence 10 years ago, but even today, full-lung replacements are complicated by rejection factors. "It was just something that happened when I was a kid," said Bijral at an Ice Breakers' media holocaust yesterday. "I wouldn't be here right now without this thing.

"I never thought it would be a problem, honestly."

Turns out, it's a big problem. After finally acknowledging the lung issue on Tuesday, TNHL spokesperson Janice Marbeta announced a Special Competitive Oversight Committee meeting to determine whether Bijral's lungs fall under the sports world's latest buzzword — "unintentional performance enhancement."

"Effective immediately," Marbeta said, "Joseph Bijral will be suspended from active league play until such time as we can determine his status in regards to unintentional performance enhancement.

Hollow words, perhaps, considering the regular season is already over, and the Ice Breakers didn't make the 2064 playoffs.

If this special committee decides Bijral is good to play, it's unlikely much of anything in the league will change, at least according to Jonathan Lane, former assistant to the vice-president of TNHL operations. "There aren't many people out there walking around with super-lungs. This whole to-do pretty much applies just to Joey," Lane said.

If the TNHL does opt to ban Bijral, it could be the end to a promising career that never was. But for hockey fans in Regina, still starving for their first Stanley Cup 23 years after the club's inception in 2041, hope is not lost. Lane said he's confident any decision the committee reaches is unlikely to roll against the young left winger, although he didn't rule out the league ordering a capacity valve be installed in Bijral's lungs to limit their breathing advantage.

Lane's been vocal on viral media about the issue. "They'll take their time over the summer humming and hawing about it, wait till the last minute, then let him play next year. It might be another full season or two before they (the TNHL committee) finally formalize a ruling, but in the meantime, believe me, he'll play."

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Find out the research

- Read about University of Toronto professor of kinesiology Bruce Kidd's thoughts on lab-grown organs at metronews.ca/features/metro-2064/

Olympic fallout

Will Bijral compete in Pyongyang 2066?

Shortly after the Trans-National Hockey League acknowledged Joseph Bijral's so-called superlungs, the sports world started buzzing with speculation about how an Olympic committee might approach the issue.

The IOC has a history of tougher rules, stricter policies and perhaps a higher moral obligation than private leagues. It's possible they might view Bijral's lungs as an unfair advantage, and decide to even the playing field, or ban him from competing.

With the 2066 Pyongyang Winter Olympics looming, there is little doubt that Hockey Canada is watching the outcome of the TNHL committee decision with great interest.

A spokesperson told Metro that if Bijral was barred from Olympic participation, it would be a huge loss for the team, looking to redeem itself after a disappointing fourth-place finish in the last Winter Games. COLIN MCNEIL/METRO

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Image taken from the video Voteman, published by the Danish parliament on YouTube on Tuesday. The sign says "polling station." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Making 'Vote or Die' seem tame

It's absurd, it's insane, it's Voteman! Danish parliament hastily pulls outlandish cartoon

Sex. Violence. Elections.

Oops.

Officials in Denmark have retracted a controversial animated cartoon that was intended to inspire young people to vote in upcoming elections for the European Parliament.

The 90-second video featured a mustachioed, muscular man aggressively interrupting a couple having sex and punching people into a polling station. It was posted late Monday on the Danish Parliament's social-media sites.

Parliament Speaker Mogens Lykketoft said Tuesday that the 179-seat Folketing should in the future "be more careful with what we put our name to." Lawmakers were cited by Danish media as saying it was done without their knowledge.

Voting for the 751-seat European Parliament takes place in each of the European Union's 28 member states, stretching over four days beginning May 22.

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Division of Cyprus

Turkey refuses to pay reparations for 1974 invasion

Turkey said Tuesday it won't pay the $123 million in damages to Cyprus ordered by Europe's top human-rights court.

The European Court of Human Rights ruled Monday that Turkey must pay the damages to Cyprus for its 1974 invasion and the island's subsequent division.

The ruling came as the Turkish and Greek Cypriot communities are making a new effort to reunite the island.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu called the ruling unfair and said it put all the blame for Cyprus's division on Turkey.

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Controversial precedent

Convictions stick for impersonating scholars online

New York's highest court on Tuesday upheld a man's convictions for criminal impersonation and forgery for using online aliases to damage reputations, opening a path for other prosecutions in the digital age.

The Court of Appeals upheld 19 charges against Raphael Golb, who impersonated scholars in order to discredit detractors of his father's view of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

In a sharply worded dissent, Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman said the top court was giving prosecutors "powers they should not have to determine what speech should and should not be penalized."

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Real estate

Former Israeli PM gets six years for bribery scandal

Israel's former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert was sentenced on Tuesday to six years in prison for his role in a bribery case.

The Tel Aviv district court handed down the punishment in a real-estate scandal related to Olmert's activities when he was mayor of Jerusalem.

According to the verdict, millions of dollars illegally changed hands to promote a series of real-estate projects, including a controversial housing development in Jerusalem that required a radical change in zoning laws and earned developers tax breaks and other benefits.

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Lac-Mégantic accused in court

Quebec train disaster. Appearing in a makeshift courtroom in Lac-Mégantic, three accused men posted bail and were released

Three men arrested in the Lac-Mégantic train disaster were released Tuesday after being arraigned on 47 charges of criminal negligence causing death.

Thomas Harding, Jean Demaitre and Richard Labrie each had to post $15,000 bail after appearing in a makeshift courtroom in Lac-Mégantic.

They were then freed on various conditions pending their next court appearance on Sept. 11. They can't change their address and can't work in the rail industry without proper supervision.

Forty-seven people were killed after a runaway train carrying crude oil derailed in Lac-Mégantic in the wee hours of last July 6 before it exploded.

Harding had completed his shift as the train's engineer earlier that evening and left the train unattended to sleep at a local inn.

The Crown has identified Labrie, 55, as the railway traffic controller and Demaitre, 50, as the manager of train operations.

The insolvent Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway faces the same criminal charges.

Earlier on Tuesday, Harding's lawyer blasted as "brutal" the manner in which they stormed into his client's residence to arrest him.

"It was the kind of arrest you would do for some heavily armed Hells Angel," said Thomas Walsh. "Basically, the whole SWAT squad was there to arrest one guy who has been living in the same place since this tragedy happened ... They are just killing a mouse with a cannon," Walsh said.

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Former Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway Ltd. employees Thomas Harding, right, Jean Demaitre, centre, and Richard Labrie are escorted by police to appear in court in Lac-Mégantic on Tuesday. The railway and the three employees will each face 47 counts of criminal negligence causing death. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Now before the courts

A conviction on charges of criminal negligence causing death carries a maximum life sentence.

- "That there are criminal charges, I think it's important," said Karine Blanchette, an employee of the Musi-Café, the establishment in the heart of town where many people died. "Finally, there's justice. But it does not bring back the people we lost and our heritage. The pollution in our environment will also remain."
- Crown spokesman Rene Verret said prosecutors decided to file these charges after an analysis of the evidence. But these men might not be the only ones charged. Several civil suits have been filed, but the criminal charges mark a first.

Canadian novelist Farley Mowat remembered

Widow Claire Mowat, right, and her grandson Justin Mowat walk behind funeral director Jamieson Ross, centre, as he carries the ashes of renowned author Farley Mowat during Mowat's funeral in Port Hope, Ont., on Tuesday.

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Bill C-23. Harper's 'Fair Elections Act' passes

The Conservatives have used their majority muscle in the House of Commons to pass a controversial bill that makes sweeping changes to election laws.

Bill C-23, dubbed the Fair Elections Act, passed by a vote of 146 to 123.

The bill was virtually universally panned by electoral experts when it was first introduced and it has been a controversial piece of legislation.

The Harper government modified or removed some of the most contentious provisions — including backing down on plans to eliminate vouching, muzzle the chief electoral officer and create a loophole that would allow rich, established parties to spend untold millions more during election campaigns.

But the changes weren't enough to mollify opposition parties. The bill now moves to the Conservative-dominated Senate for approval.

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Explosion at Turkish coal mine leaves dozens dead

'Time is working against us.' Most of the deaths were the result of carbon monoxide poisoning, Turkish energy minister says

Medics help a rescued miner after an explosion and fire at a coal mine killed at least 151 miners in Soma, Turkey, on Tuesday. DEPO PHOTOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An explosion and a fire Tuesday killed at least 151 workers at a coal mine in western Turkey and hundreds more remained trapped underground, government officials said as Turkey launched a massive rescue operation.

At press time, Energy Minister Taner Yildiz said 787 people were inside the coal mine in Soma at the time of the accident and 363 of them had been rescued. He added that 76 miners were injured. The mine is located some 250 kilometres from Istanbul.

Authorities say the disaster followed an explosion and fire caused by a power distribution unit.

Yildiz said most of the deaths were the result of carbon monoxide poisoning.

"Time is working against us," Yildiz had said earlier. He said some 400 rescuers were involved in the operation.

Yildiz said some of the workers were 420 metres deep inside the mine.

Television footage showed people cheering and applauding as some trapped workers emerged out of the mine, helped by rescuers, their faces and hard-hats covered in soot. One wiped away tears on his jacket, another smiled, waved and flashed a "thumbs up" sign at onlookers.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan postponed a one-day visit to Albania scheduled for Wednesday and planned to visit Soma instead.

The rescue effort was being hampered by the fact that the mine was made up of tunnels that were kilometres long, said Cengiz Ergun, leader of Manisa province, where the town is located.

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Bill C-32. Ombudsman urges Tories to strengthen bill of rights for victims

The federal ombudsman for crime victims wants the Harper government's proposed victims bill of rights strengthened.

Sue O'Sullivan says Bill C-32, is welcome, but a few amendments would do more to help.

Her office had presented a sheaf of suggestions for inclusion in the legislation.

"When you look at some of the recommendations, we had almost 30 recommendations and I would say just about half were met either in whole or partially, but we still have work to do," she said.

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Cyberbullying. Victim's mother worries bill could harm privacy rights

The mother of a B.C. teen who took her own life after she was sexually exploited online says a proposed crackdown on cyberbullying goes too far.

Carol Todd, whose daughter Amanda died by suicide in 2012, said Tuesday that she believes portions of Bill C-13 that could trample privacy rights should be removed from the legislation.

"We should not have to choose between our privacy and our safety," Todd told a House of Commons committee that's studying the legislation.

"We should not have to sacrifice our children's privacy rights to make them safe from cyberbullying, 'sextortion' and revenge pornography."

But Glenford Canning, the father of another prominent cyberbullying victim, Rehtaeh Parsons, told the committee the bill should be passed regardless of concerns about private information.

"It seems so out of place to complain about privacy while our children openly terrorize each other to death for 'likes' on Facebook," Canning said.

Both parents were part of a panel of victims and victims' families who appeared Tuesday before the Commons justice committee.

NDP MP Francoise Boivin sided with Todd, saying she's worried the entire law could be rendered useless if it faced a successful court challenge over privacy concerns.

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Carol Todd, right, waits to appear before the Commons justice committee on Tuesday in Ottawa. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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In pictures

1 Sicily. Boat survivor lucky to be back on solid ground

A survivor cradling a child prepares to disembark in the Catania harbour in Sicily on Tuesday. A boat crowded with migrants sank Monday in the Mediterranean, leaving at least 14 people dead. CARMELO IMBESI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 Detroit. Shutterbug takes one more snapshot for the road

A person takes a photo Monday of a large sinkhole in Detroit. DANIEL MEARS/DETROIT NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 Iraq. Dozens killed as militants unleash wave of terror

Iraqis inspect a destroyed vehicle after a car bomb attack hit a commercial street Tuesday in Baghdad, where militants unleashed a wave of car bombings, killing dozens. KARIM KADIM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. aircraft searching for Nigerian schoolgirls

Foreign assistance. Britain and the U.S. are now actively helping Nigeria's government to rescue the girls

A Nigerian government official said "all options are open" in efforts to rescue almost 300 abducted schoolgirls from their captors as U.S. reconnaissance aircraft started flying over the West African country in a search effort.

According to a senior defence official in Washington, the U.S. is using a manned MC-12 surveillance aircraft, which is based in Niger, to conduct missions in Nigeria. In addition to the turboprop model which has seen heavy use in Afghanistan, U.S. officials are also considering the use of drones. At this point the surveillance missions are not continuous.

Britain, which has dispatched security experts to Nigeria, said it is looking to offer "longer-term counter-terrorism solutions to prevent such attacks in the future and defeat Boko Haram."

The U.S. is sharing commercial satellite imagery with the Nigerian government and is flying manned intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft over Nigeria with the Nigerian government's permission, a senior U.S. official said on Monday.

Nigeria's government initially suggested there would be no negotiations with Boko Haram, but it appears that stance may be relaxed.

Mike Omeri, the director of the government's information agency, said the government will "use whatever kind of action" it takes to free the girls. He also warned that a military operation, with foreign help, was possible.

"At the moment, because all options are open we are interacting with experts, military and intelligence experts from other parts of the world," he said late Monday.

The official News Agency of Nigeria said that President Goodluck Jonathan on Tuesday asked the National Assembly to extend for another six months the state of emergency in Borno and two other northeastern states. The emergency was imposed May 14, 2013, and extended in December. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kidnapped schoolgirls

Families to view video released by Boko Haram

Boko Haram, the group that kidnapped the girls last month from a school in Borno state, released a video Monday purporting to show some of the girls.

The group's leader, who appears separately, says in the video: "I swear to almighty Allah, you will not see them again until you release our brothers that you have captured." He has previously threatened to sell the girls into slavery.

Hussein Monguno, an official with a civic group called the Borno Yobe People's Forum, said representatives of the families of the missing girls had been invited to the Borno governor's residence in the Nigerian capital of Abuja to view the video to see if they can "verify" that their children are in the video.

A woman wipes a tear as she addresses the crowd during a rally Tuesday in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, to show support for the release of the kidnapped girls in Nigeria. A French official says Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan has agreed to attend a summit Saturday in Paris to focus on the Boko Haram terrorist network. REMY DE LA MAUVINIERE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukraine skeptical about plan pushed by Germany

Germany's foreign minister tried to broker quick talks between Ukraine's central government and pro-Russia separatists. However, Ukraine remained skeptical Tuesday as fighting claimed six more lives in the restive east.

Six Ukrainian servicemen were ambushed and killed and eight others wounded Tuesday afternoon outside the town of Kramatorsk, which is in the Donetsk region, one of two in eastern Ukraine that declared independence on Monday. They were attacked by at least 30 insurgents using grenade launchers and automatic weapons.

The plan laid out by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, a trans-Atlantic security group, calls on all sides to refrain from violence and urges amnesty for those involved in the unrest as well as talks on decentralization and the status of the Russian language.

But Ukrainian officials sounded skeptical Tuesday about the OSCE plan. Speaking in Brussels, acting Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk thanked the OSCE but said Ukraine has drawn up its own "road map" for ending the crisis and noted the people of his country should settle the issue themselves.

Russia, meanwhile, called Tuesday for a swift implementation of the OSCE plan, saying its demand to end violence means that Kyiv should stop its military operation to recapture buildings in the east, lift its blockade of cities and towns, pull its forces from eastern regions and release all insurgents. It added that it expects separatists in Ukraine's Donetsk and Luhansk regions to respond in kind if Kyiv does.

Yevhen Perebiynis, spokesman for the Ukrainian foreign ministry, lamented Tuesday that the OSCE deal does not specifically oblige Russia to do anything.
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Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk addresses the media at the European Commission headquarters in Brussels, Tuesday. The EC says it will make sure Ukraine has all the support it needs to undertake political and economic reforms. YVES LOGGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MESSY, RUDE AND WORTH EVERY OFFENCE

JUST SAYIN'

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Most people have heard about the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, but it seems to have escaped the notice of the people who run Instagram (the same people who run Facebook).

Especially this bit—Section 2(b): "Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms: Freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication."

Like, Instagram?

With exquisite timing, just before Mother's Day, Instagram shut down Heather Bays' account because it featured pictures of her breastfeeding her 20-month old daughter. Heather, who's originally from Winnipeg and now lives in Toronto, may have thought she was sharing a beautiful picture celebrating motherhood with her community, but Instagram apparently thought she was trafficking in child pornography.

Seriously. One photo showed her daughter's bare torso, and another one exposed a full breast and someone took offence and complained.

Let's remember that Heather Bays is a maternity photographer. Unlike millions of moronic selfies, her photos are actually good.

Meanwhile, over in Vancouver, people are trying to get Dr. Seuss banned again. This time, it's If I Ran the Zoo, because there's a line about zoo helpers who "all wear their eyes at a slant" alongside illustrations of Asian stereotypes. While this was all viewed as perfectly acceptable back in 1950, it is offensive through a 2014 lens.

The Vancouver Public Library is resisting the call for the ban, wisely recognizing that if they ban Dr. Seuss, they would have to ban half the world's literature, from Sophocles to the Arabian Nights.

At one time or another, everything and everyone offends. These days, everyone is offended. I don't envy the gatekeepers. When everything is offensive, what do you do?

If you ask me, it's simple. Just remember the Nazis. They loved to find things offensive. They burned books and banned works of art because they were decadent or written by Jews. The Nazis weren't interested in freedom of thought, belief, etc. In fact, they loathed and opposed such things.

Good thing we're not like the Nazis, eh?

Look. As far as I'm concerned, lots of things are offensive. There are times when I wish country music, Hallmark greeting cards and cat videos were ruthlessly suppressed. But then I come to my senses.

We need to remember the great value of freedom. Right now in Nigeria, hundreds of schoolgirls have been kidnapped by narrow-minded extremists to prevent them from being exposed to western education. This is the logical dead end of censorship. Freedom is messy, rude and annoying, but it beats oppression and slavery every time.

So let's cut everyone a little slack. As far as I know, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms doesn't protect your right to be offended.

At least not yet.

ZOOM

Tortoise in shark's clothing

If you don't want your critter to be disappointed, order now because there's a six-week waiting list for the cosies.
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Q&A

Shelling out for a new look

'Shell suits' are back in fashion — for tortoises and snails at least. The made-to-measure, tea cosy-style crochet designs that snuggly fit any shelled frame are the work of Katie Bradley. The project has fast become a sell-out success with orders coming in from all over the world and Bradley now offers 25 designs, including shark and stegosaurus outfits on Etsy.com. The U.S.-based crocheter tells Metro about the family joke that became a fashion phenomenon.

The fashion industry is notoriously fast-paced with its constantly changing trends. Will you be offering seasonal collections or are you happy to continue crocheting at a snail's pace? Quite a few of my designs already are seasonal. I am working on several patriotic Independence Day designs, and also have plans for some new Halloween tortoise cosies (one design looks like an eyeball). I've also made some more glamorous designs for clients by incorporating sequins and beads by special request.

Sequins and beads sound like you're heading into couture. Are the cosies only for special occasions? The snails only wear their cosies for photo ops. The rest of the time they're happy to dine nude in my garden.

Of course. Why is there such demand for what's a frankly bizarre item? Tortoise keepers love their tortoises. Often the critter has been in the family for a long time, and is considered a part of the family. People like to dress up their dogs, cats, chickens and frogs... so dressing up a tortoise isn't such a strange idea. OK, it is a strange idea, but is a very *cute* strange idea.
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Public urination, prepare for a takedown

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Public urination is a serious problem in many countries, and India is no exception. With that in mind, a group called The Clean Indian has set a water tanker with a rude name into the streets of Mumbai to take a highly-pressurized stand.

While it is amusing to watch ne'er-do-wells walloped by a water wall, it's important to note that critics in India are rightfully pointing out flaws in The Clean Indian's approach. Namely, a lack of public toilets in many of India's more crowded communities, and much more importantly, a massive waste of fresh water in a world where far too many don't have access to it. (Via The Clean Indian/YouTube)

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Privacy. You'd like to forget those wild party pics, now Google may have to, too

People should have some say over the results that pop up when they conduct a vanity search online, Europe's highest court said Tuesday.

In a landmark decision, The Court of Justice of the European Union said Google must listen and sometimes comply when individuals ask the Internet search giant to remove links to newspaper articles or websites containing personal information.

Campaigners say the ruling effectively backs individual privacy rights over the freedom of information.

In an advisory judgment stemming from a lawsuit against Google that will impact on all search engines, including Yahoo and Microsoft's Bing, the court said a search on a person's name yields a results page that amounts to an individual profile, one that a person has some right to control over under European privacy laws. As such, the court said people should be able to ask to have links to private information removed. That's true even when a non-Google website is still hosting the information.

In the ruling, the court said people "may address such a request directly to the operator of the search engine ... which must then duly examine its merits." In addition, it said search engines must weigh "the legitimate interest of Internet users potentially interested in having access to that information" against the right to privacy and protection of personal data.

When an agreement can't be reached, the Luxembourg-based court said the matter can be referred to a local judge or regulator.

The decision came as a surprise since it went counter to the advice the court received from its own top lawyer last year. The European court became involved after a Spanish appeals court asked for its opinion in 200 pending cases. Initially billed as a test of "the right to be forgotten," the impact of Tuesday's wider ruling could be far and wide. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UN mulling over a ban on 'killer robots'

United Nations. While the technology does not exist yet diplomats said it wasn't too early to start debating the legal, moral and ethical issues

In this March 17 photo, protesters rally outside the Iowa Air National Guard base, in Des Moines, Iowa. The United Nations just devoted a meeting to debating how to deal with 'killer robots' in the future. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Diplomats urged the adoption of new international laws Tuesday that could govern or outright forbid the use of killer robots if the technology becomes reality someday.

At the first United Nations meeting devoted to the subject, representatives began trying to define the limits and responsibilities of so-called lethal autonomous weapons systems that could go beyond human-directed drones already being used by some armies today.

"All too often international law only responds to atrocities and suffering once it has happened," Michael Moeller, acting head of the UN's European headquarters in Geneva, told diplomats at the start of the four-day gathering. "You have the opportunity to take preemptive action and ensure that the ultimate decision to end life remains firmly under human control."

He noted that the UN treaty they were meeting to discuss — the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons adopted by 117 nations including the world's major powers — was used before to prohibit the use of blinding laser weapons in the 1990s before they were ever deployed on the battlefield, and this "serves as an example." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A BlackBerry for only $191?! But, you have to go to Jakarta to get it

BlackBerry launched a new lower-cost smartphone designed specifically for Indonesia on Tuesday in an attempt to win back market share that has plunged in recent years but remains higher than in many other nations. The BlackBerry Z3, Jakarta Edition (pictured here), was launched at a glitzy hotel in the capital, Jakarta. It is set to go on sale Thursday for $191 US, considerably less than its higher-priced Z10 and Q10 devices. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IRS gives out $13B+ in credits meant for poor families

The Internal Revenue Service paid between $13 billion to $15.6 billion US in tax credits last year to people who may not have qualified, a government investigator said Tuesday.

The Earned Income Tax Credits were supposed to go to low-income working families. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

13 deaths

GM recall shows fallibility of air bags

Here's an unsettling fact about cars equipped with air bags: They don't always deploy when drivers — or regulators — expect them to.

Thirteen people have died in crashes involving older GM cars with defective ignition switches. In each of those crashes, and in others in which occupants were injured, the air bags failed to deploy even after striking trees, guard rails or other objects. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Turn the fables on baseball

Diamond movies.
Baseball brings out fantastic sports stories that audiences love

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Jon Hamm as sports agent J.B. Bernstein in the new baseball picture, Million Dollar Arm. CONTRIBUTED

"I still get such a bang out of it," says Buck Weaver (John Cusack) in Eight Men Out, "playing ball."

Given the number of sports movies that have been released in the last 30 years, apparently audiences also get a bang out of watching films about baseball.

This weekend, Jon Hamm stars in a new ball picture, Million Dollar Arm. The Mad Men star plays real-life sports agent J.B. Bernstein who recruited Indian cricket players Rinku Singh and Dinesh Patel for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

It's an unconventional baseball movie, but there seems to be something about the sport that lends itself to fantastic stories and fables.

Roger Ebert called Field of Dreams, "a religious picture," then added, "but the religion is baseball." In this 1989 hit Kevin Costner plays an Iowa corn farmer who hears a mysterious voice. "If you build it, he will come." The "it" is a baseball diamond and the "he" is Shoeless Joe Jackson, the legendary outfielder for the disgraced 1919 Chicago White Sox.

The movie uses a baseball theme as a backdrop for a story about following your dreams, believing in the impossible and the idea that baseball was "a symbol of all that was once good in America."

The film struck a chord with audiences and tourists alike. Since its release, the field built for the film in Dubuque County, Iowa has attracted hundreds of thousands of people, and spawned new restaurants, shops, a hotel, all in a town of only 4,000 people.

Robert Redford's film The Natural looks to Arthurian legends for its story. Redford plays Roy Hobbs, a young pitcher with natural ability. Cut down in his prime by a tragic accident, he disappears, only to return many years later to become a star at an age when most players are hanging up their gloves. "It took me 16 years to get here," he says. "You play me, and I'll give you the best I got."

America's got religion

Field of Dreams is "a religious picture ... but the religion is baseball."

Roger Ebert

The Holy Grail of baseball

Based on a novel by Bernard Malamud, the characters in The Natural each represent a person from ancient literature.

- There are elements of Round Table Knight Percival's pursuit of the Holy Grail present in Hobbs' story.
- He's a Knight (literally, his team is called The Knights) who must bring back the Grail, or pennant, to team manager Pop Fisher, whose name is an alias for the Fisher King, keeper of the Grail.
- If you think that is reading too much into the story, perhaps Woody Allen in Zelig is more your speed. "I love baseball. You know it doesn't have to mean anything, it's just beautiful to watch."

Q&A

Lake the next Sandy?

Million Dollar Arm producer likens his casting of Lake Bell — known for more comic acting and for directing last year's In a World — as Jon Hamm's love interest in the true baseball tale to when he cast an unknown Sandra Bullock in While You Were Sleeping nearly 20 years ago. "She's got a great career in front of her," Roth says. So, no pressure, right Lake?

I was wondering, after Joe Roth made the Sandra Bullock comparison, if you're feeling any extra career pressure already.

I was like, "Damn, Joe." We'll see how that plays out (laughs). No, I was hugely flattered just because obviously I love Sandra Bullock, and she's fantastic ... It was hugely complimentary. And it legitimately made me blush.

You have such a great, easy time riffing with Jon.

Jon and I are lucky because we've been pals for such a long time, though this is the first time that we got to do a movie together. We do Children's Hospital, but he just rolls in when he wants to for an episode here or there while we're doing the show. This was fun because we were on equal ground in scenes and got to sink our teeth into something. But yeah, I think that kind of banter is something that we both enjoy.

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Miley's Wrecking Ball an ode to her exes

If there was any doubt that Miley Cyrus' hit Wrecking Ball was about ex-fiancé Liam Hemsworth, the former Disney star seemed to put it to rest during an expletive-filled intro to the song during a London club performance, according to TMZ. "Every time you get in your car, you're going to hear my f–ing song on the f–ing radio, you piece of s–," she shouted to the crowd. "I'm going to tell those motherf–ers that broke my heart, particularly one, to suck my fat d– and to enjoy hearing this song for the rest of your life." During the show, Cyrus also licked a giant inflatable penis and courted further controversy by making a date-rape joke while wishing a straight male friend a happy birthday.

Jennifer Aniston GETTY IMAGES

Aniston's perfect hair 'at odds with a brush'

Jennifer Aniston has long been admired for her hair, but she wants the world to know that it hasn't been easy. In fact, it's been a struggle. "The thing that makes me chuckle is when I hear that my hair is so this or so that," she tells the Boston Globe during a visit to her hair product shop, Living Proof. "My hair is always at odds with a brush and a hair dryer. To get my hair straight can be a struggle."

The Word

INSTAGRAM

Solange vs. Jay Z: The aftermath

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

I'm not going to lie. This item is mostly an excuse to once again watch the amazing footage of Solange Knowles attacking her brother-in-law, Jay Z, after the Met Gala.

I know everybody watched it at least three times on Monday (once when the news broke on TMZ, once when the extended footage came out, and once later to point out to your friends how Beyoncé just stood there) but it will never be enough.

Apparently Solange was on a bit of a tear all evening. Earlier at the same Met Gala after-party at The Standard hotel, Solange yelled at designer Rachel Roy, sources tell Us Weekly. One source says Beyoncé "got in the middle of" her sister's fracas with Roy; another source said Roy was just one of a group Solange harangued.

This still doesn't tell us what had Solange so riled up. However, she did delete all of her shots of Beyoncé from her Instagram account on Monday, save for this one from 2013, with music video director Melina Matsoukas.

What does it all mean? Alas, we do not know. The Jay/Bey PR machine is just too powerful to let the real story out. I guess the only comfort we have in these troubled times is to watch the footage again.

So Jennifer Lawrence really is that awesome

Hugh Jackman is happy to confirm the rumours that Jennifer Lawrence is awesome. "What you see is what you get, and I've met her and worked with her. The way you imagine her to be is how she is," he tells E! News. "She just manages to handle this incredible fame and power that she has with real ease. On top of that, she's a brilliant actor. She's not only one of the most talented actors I've met, she's one of the most authentic. Very down-to-earth, no ego. She has a lot of fun doing what she does."

Jennifer Lawrence GETTY IMAGES

Alec Baldwin GETTY IMAGES

Alec pedals his way to a pair of handcuffs

Actor Alec Baldwin was arrested and issued two summonses after allegedly acting belligerently toward two officers who had stopped him for riding his bicycle the wrong way down a New York City street, police said Tuesday.

The 30 Rock star was riding his bike the wrong way at 16th Street and Fifth Avenue near Union Square Park in Manhattan when he was stopped at about 10:15 a.m. and asked to show identification, they said.

Police say Baldwin, 56, refused to show his ID and acted belligerently, prompting the officers to handcuff him and take him, and his bicycle, to a nearby precinct.

Baldwin was issued two summonses — for riding a bike the wrong way down a street and for disorderly conduct — and was then released, police said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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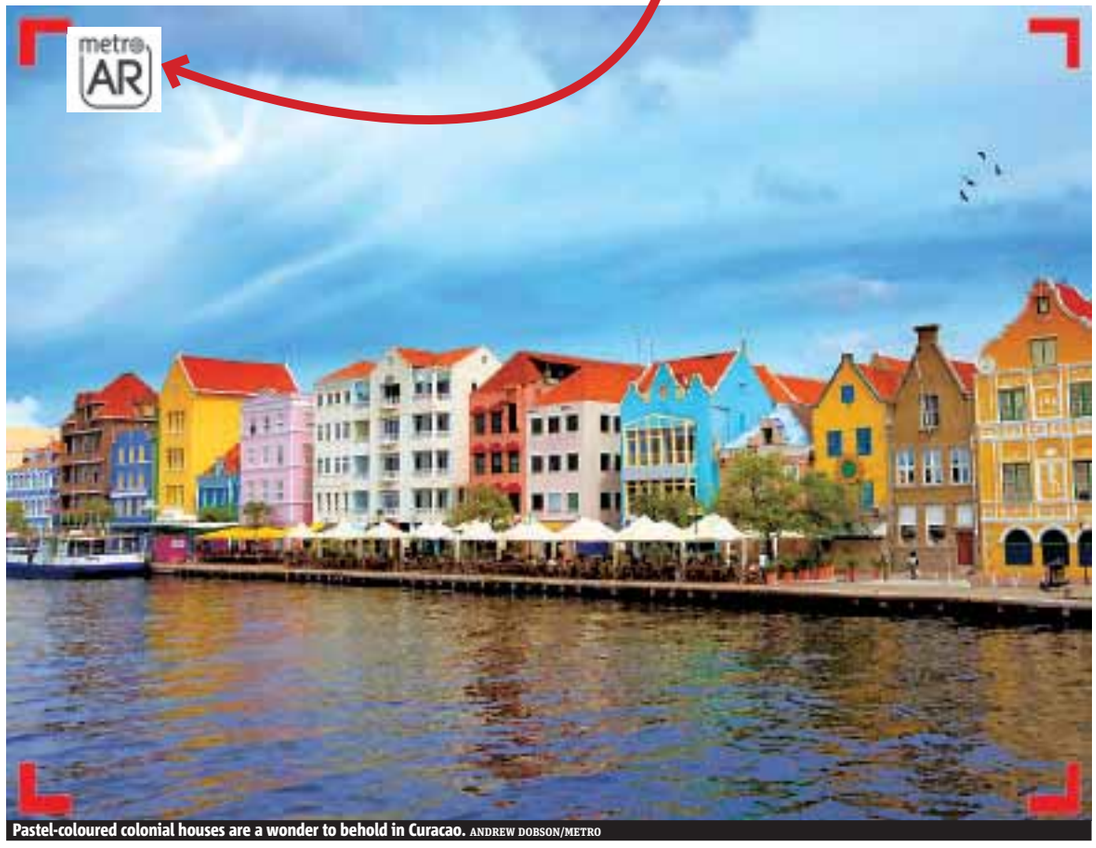

Pastel-coloured colonial houses are a wonder to behold in Curacao. ANDREW DOBSON/METRO

Curacao (pronounced KEWR-E-SOW) is a Dutch island in the Caribbean and the "C" in the ABC islands alongside Aruba and Bonaire.

Located just off the coast of Venezuela, the island features a unique multicultural mix, playing home to 150,000 residents who hail from 55 different countries.

The island also offers visitors plenty of opportunities to lie on sun-soaked white sandy beaches; to go on underwater adventures via top-rated scuba diving sites; to see the colonial charms of its capital, Willemstad; and sample cocktails spiked with Curacao's iconic blue liqueur.

Curacao's premiere 366-room property, Santa Barbara Beach and Golf Resort, is a short 30-minute drive from the airport and situated between the Caribbean Sea and Spanish Water Bar.

The resort's sprawling property features an 18-hole championship golf course designed by Pete Dye, as well as a spa, tennis courts, bike rental, 120-slip marina, four restaurants, three pools and inviting beach.

In 2013, Scuba Diving Magazine ranked Curacao as One of the World's Best Dive Destinations. Those looking for adventure in a lively underwater world can do so with Ocean Encounters, which has a little office set up at the end of Santa Barbara's beach. Morning departures include two dives at Director's Bay and Newport — a perfect opportunity to swim with giant sea turtles while schools of several hundred bright yellow fish descend along a colourful coral wall.

Those looking to hop off the beach and indulge in an afternoon of rest and relaxation are offered a perfect sanctuary at Atabei Spa.

The inspiration for the Santa Barbara's luxury spa stems from the ancient culture and rituals of the Arawak people, the original inhabitants of the island. Spa guests enjoy a co-ed relaxation lounge featuring complimentary refreshments and spa food before being escorted to their very own private suite which includes a personal vanity, rain shower and outdoor relaxation patio.

Enjoy Atabei's signature treatment, the Stemps Massage, which incorporates classic hands-on technique with sachets of locally grown herbs dipped in warm organic oil.

Picturesque Willemstad is the capital of Curacao and its historic centre can be found on UNESCO's World Heritage List. Willemstad is divided into two neighbourhoods, Otrobanda and Punda, located on either side of the city's canal.

You can easily explore the area on foot. Highlights include a stroll across the Queen Emma Pontoon Bridge, pastel-coloured colonial merchant houses lining Handelskade, shopping at the Floating Market where farmers from South America and the West Indies sell fresh produce and seafood and eating at one of the al fresco restaurants at the old Waterfort Arches.

Ocean Encounters offers underwater adventures. ANDREW DOBSON/METRO

Perched above the crash of ocean waves, dinner here is an ideal final feast perfect for taking in one last jaw-dropping sunset.

Bucket List

Birthplace of Shakespeare

You don't have to be an English major to be moved by a visit to Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare. The bard's hometown is a vibrant overnight side trip you can easily make, about a two-hour train ride northwest of London. And like a lot of famous out-of-the-way destinations, there is a tawdry, touristy side thriving happily alongside the peaceful, countrified atmosphere of this city of 25,000 — riverboats, statues, swans and all. A visit to Shakespeare's birthplace is a must, where you can catch one of his plays being performed right on the premises. Go to visitbritain.com. **DOUG WALLACE/METRO**

Won't you let Rover come over?

Pet-friendly places.
Tired of begging hotels to house your furry friend? Check out these places that love four legs

ON THE MOVE
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If you would prefer to bring your four-legged family member along on your next holiday, consider one of these pet-friendly destinations across the country.

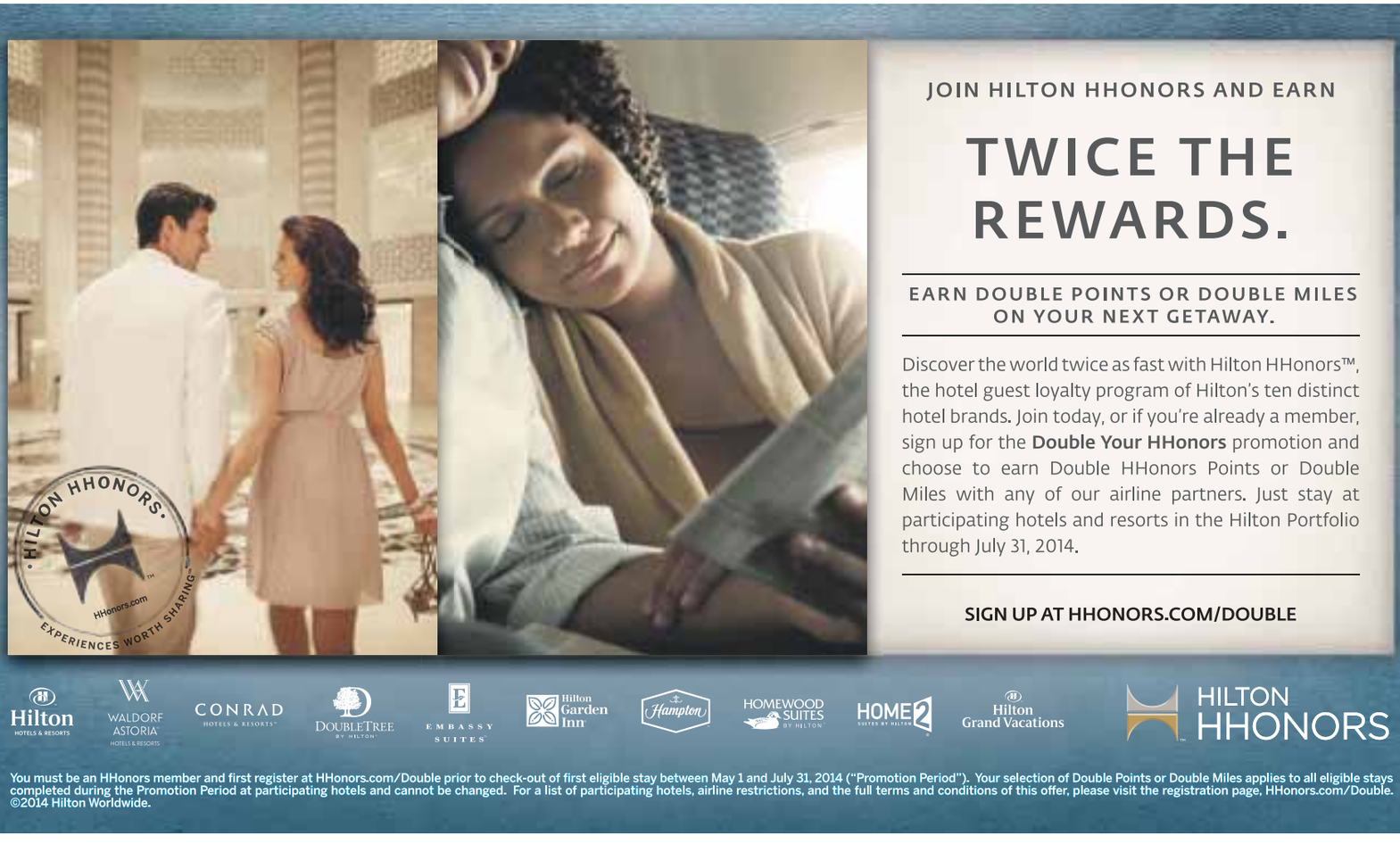
White Point Beach Resort in Liverpool, N.S. has been welcoming pets — including dogs, cats and ferrets — for 86 years. With 800 acres of property that sweeps along a one-kilometre stretch of white sand beach this is an animal paradise. There are tether stations with water bowls throughout the property, poop bag and disposal stations and a full line of pet products in the gift shop. For those who want to be productive on vacation, the resort provides training classes on several weekends throughout the summer. You will need to keep your pet on leash while out and about.

Located in Quebec's Laurentian Mountains, minutes from Tremblant, the Domaine claims to be the country's first bed and breakfast for dogs. There are groomed hiking trails for walks, a beautiful lake and services that include a doggie spa and grooming salon, a special pet menu and a Tail Waggin' Day Camp if you need some time away from the children. Guests stay in fully equipped log cabin cottages. Owner Birgit Schultz has two cats and eight Bernese Mountain dogs ready to welcome you.

Taking place in Toronto on May 24 and May 25 at Woodbine Beach, Woofstock is the largest outdoor festival for dogs in North America. This free event launched in 2003 now regularly draws 300,000 dog lovers and their four-footed friends. You will find vendors displaying canine fashions, food and furnishings. For a good laugh, check out the stupid trick contest. Finding a hotel that will accept your whole family shouldn't be a problem; according to PetHotels.com, Toronto leads the country in pet-friendly properties with 84 hotels prepared to lay out the welcome mat for Fido.

Alberta's Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge provides furry guests with dishes, a dog bed, detailed trail maps, poop bags and home-baked pet treats. If you are game for a last-minute getaway, the hotel is celebrating the upcoming May Long Weekend with a three-day dog-stravaganza. Your pooch will enjoy time at the Doggy Spa, costume parties, guided hikes and jogs, and organic dog treat cooking demos. Meals are included in the package and will take place outdoors, with specialty barbecues at the Outdoor Activity Centre and on the shores of tranquil Trefoil Lake. With nearly 700 acres of terrain the resort offers both on- and off-leash options for the weekend.

How can you leave those puppy dog eyes behind? LOREN CHRISTIE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Pass the two-timing turkey over here

Grilling Week. Ahead of May Long Weekend, Metro has offered you a lean burger idea and a unique way to serve lamb. These turkey satays, meanwhile, serve two purposes

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Getting together with friends for the long weekend may mean packing up and heading away or meeting at a friend's backyard.

It's always a great idea to offer to bring something that can be made ahead with little fuss to prepare and then have it ready to serve up or grill when you get there.

FLASH FOOD

From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

Looking for a recipe that serves two purposes? This Grilled Turkey Satays with Peanut Sauce dish can be prepared for dinner or as an appetizer! Served over basmati rice, it makes a great meal or it works just on its own with drinks to get the party started.

Look for boneless skinless turkey breasts in your local grocer. And not to worry if you don't find any. Simply pick up a turkey breast and remove the skin and bone to slice up into thin strips for the satays.

If you are going to serve them up as a dinner dish, there's no need to skewer. Just you cut the breast into larger pieces and grill to enjoy.

Ingredients

Peanut Sauce
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) peanut butter
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) warm water
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) hoisin sauce
- 1 tsp (5 ml) grated fresh ginger or 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) seasoned rice vinegar
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) sodium reduced soy sauce
- 1 tsp (5 ml) sesame oil
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) Asian garlic chili paste/sauce

Turkey Satays
- 1 large boneless skinless turkey breast (about 1 1/2 lb/750 g)
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) sodium reduced soy sauce
- 2 tsp (10 ml) sesame oil
- 2 tsp (10 ml) grated fresh ginger or 1 tsp/5 ml ground
- 1 large clove garlic, grated

This recipe yields about 15-20 skewers with 1 cup (250 ml) of peanut sauce. CONTRIBUTED

1. Peanut Sauce: In a bowl, whisk together peanut butter, water and hoisin sauce until smooth. Add ginger, vinegar, soy sauce, sesame oil and chili paste and whisk until combined. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

2. Using a chef's knife, the cut turkey crosswise into thin slices (about 1/4-inch thick) and place into a large bowl. Add the soy sauce, sesame oil, ginger and garlic; stir to coat well. Let stand for 15 minutes or cover and refrigerate for up to 8 hours.

3. Using small soaked skewers thread turkey onto skewers and place on platter. Place skewers on greased grill over medium high heat and grill, turning once for about 6 minutes or until no longer pink inside.

4. Serve with peanut sauce.

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Honing in on a career in hashtags

Land a job in social media. How to stand out in a massive pool of pictures, posts and pins

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Employers want to see that you have a strong reputation, you're actively posting and you show an overall interest in this industry. ISTOCK

It's probably one of the most sought-after jobs for Gen Y. I mean, who wouldn't dream about getting paid to be on social media?

But believe it or not, working in social media isn't as easy as you may think. Just because you're really clever on Twitter, share great selfies on Instagram, or have 1,000 friends on Facebook, doesn't mean you are going to land a job in social media.

So how can you get into this industry, what is required of you — and what should you be doing to stand out?

Understanding social media

It's one thing to be on every latest and greatest social media platform, but you have to make sure you are using these platforms in the right way and have an in-depth understanding of how to use these platforms for business.

Everyone can have Facebook, Instagram, Vine, etc. and have a good understanding of using it, but personal use and business use are entirely different.

Lucky for you, there are a lot of resources available online.

Read blogs, attend free webinars, follow brands and people that are doing an excellent job in the social media realm.

Realize that social media is always changing, so it's going to require you to stay on top of it. Do your research and always be on the lookout for ways to improve your skill set.

Your social media presence

If you want to work in social media, you should probably make sure you have a pretty rockin' social media presence yourself.

I have a professional Twitter account that I use to share industry-related content, join in on conversations with other professionals and stay up to date with agencies and industry professionals.

I also have a personal account to post those useless tweets about what I'm eating for dinner.

Work on building your social media presence and make sure you are easy to find. Employers will look this up, especially if you're applying for a job in social media.

Working in social media isn't just about loving the latest and greatest platforms. You have to be able to support your love for social media with knowledge and experience.

Lucky for you, social media is easily accessible to anyone so you can start learning with just a click of your mouse.

What sort of skills will I need?

Depending on the job in question, you may need industry-specific knowledge or experience to be a strong candidate. In general, social media jobs require a combination of the following:

- Preferably an education in journalism, marketing, advertising, communications or a similar related field.
- A strong understanding of all social platforms (even if you're not on them).
- Familiarity with analytics: what software to use, how to interpret data, how to use this data to improve business or achieve a specific goal.
- Excellent writing ability, including samples that demonstrate your ability to write for any type of brand or voice.

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NHL playoffs

Lundqvist keeps his Game 7 magic alive to edge Pens

Henrik Lundqvist set an NHL record with his fifth straight Game 7 victory, making 35 saves to lift the New York Rangers to a 2-1 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday night and earn a spot in the Eastern Conference final.

Brian Boyle and Brad Richards scored for New York, who rallied from a 3-1 series deficit for the first time in the franchise's 88-year history.

The Rangers did it behind Lundqvist, who stopped 102 of the final 105 shots he faced over the final three games as New York advanced to the conference finals for the second time in three years.

The Rangers will play the winner of the Bruins-Canadiens series in the conference finals.

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Sam reaction

Stampeders' Price fined for anti-gay comments

The CFL fined Calgary Stampeders receiver Maurice Price on Tuesday for making "inappropriate negative comments" on social media towards St. Louis Rams defensive end Michael Sam and openly gay professional athletes.

"The CFL will not tolerate discrimination of any kind," CFL commissioner Mark Cohon said in a statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gott-cha! Redblacks trade pick after all

CFL draft. Ottawa GM Desjardins deals for offensive lineman; Lavertu lands in Calgary

The Calgary Stampeders selected Laval centre Pierre Lavertu with the first pick overall in the CFL draft on Tuesday night in Toronto.

Calgary acquired the No. 1 pick 30 minutes before the start of the draft, sending offensive lineman Jon Gott, a five-year CFL veteran, to the expansion Ottawa Redblacks.

The Stampeders, who also took defensive Quinn Smith with the No. 7 selection, acquired the rights to veteran centre Marwan Hage, who played 10 seasons with Hamilton before being taken by Ottawa in the CFL expansion draft in December. Hage announced his retirement last month.

Ottawa will also receive a conditional pick if Calgary trades Hage's rights to another CFL team.

The Redblacks weren't done there, sending veteran quarterback Kevin Glenn to the B.C. Lions for the fifth overall pick. Ottawa then swapped picks with Montreal and selected defensive back Antoine Pruneau at No. 4.

The selection of the six-foot-three, 300-pound Lavertu was surprising given Brett Jones was the CFL's top rookie last year as a first-year centre with Calgary.

The Ottawa Redblacks acquired offensive lineman Jon Gott in exchange for the first overall pick in a draft day trade with the Calgary Stampeders. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

But the general sentiment is although Lavertu, of Quebec City, might not possess the most potential, he's among the most pro-ready prospects in the draft.

The Saskatchewan Roughriders selected defensive lineman Dylan Ainsworth from the University of Western Ontario with their first pick — second round, 11th overall. In the same round, the Riders also selected wide receiver Alex Pierzchalski from the University of Toronto at No. 18. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Stampeders selected big Laval centre Pierre Lavertu with the No. 1 CFL draft pick. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Brazil scrambling with one month to go

Work continues at the Arena da Baixada last week in Curitiba, Brazil. DENIS FERREIRA NETTO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scan the image above with your Metro News app to view a photo gallery of Brazil's preparations for the 2014 World Cup.

It's all coming down to the final 30 days.

Brazil had seven years to get ready for the World Cup, but it enters the final month of preparations with a lot yet to be done.

Three stadiums are still under construction, some of the temporary structures needed for matches are delayed and it remains unclear if all cities will have time to organize the mandatory fanfests.

It's already known that not all infrastructure will be completed no matter how much organizers rush before the June 12 opener. The government acknowledges that communications inside stadiums won't be perfect, unfinished airports remain a concern and there are widespread threats of violent protests by Brazilians complaining about the billions spent on the tournament.

Brazilian officials guarantee everything will be fine. FIFA remains concerned.

The long-term take

$180B

Brazil is expected to spend $11.7 billion on the World Cup, although the government says the country could receive an economic boost of as much as $180 billion long term.

"Everything will be in place for the World Cup in Brazil to be a success," Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff said Tuesday. "The stadiums will be ready, the airports will be ready, we are guaranteeing public safety."

Jerome Valcke, secretary general for soccer's governing body, says there's no time to waste.

"I would not say it's not ready, but it's not finished," he said recently.

FIFA is worried mostly about the stadiums where the matches will be played. It wanted all venues completed by the end of last year, but Brazil was not able to get half of them ready in time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 SPORTS

These cool retro cars are television stars

Driving Don Draper. The most handsome man on television has shared the screen with some real lookers — and we're not talking about the girls

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When we first hitched a ride on the seductive, Emmy-guzzling turbo charger that is Mad Men, Don Draper was shuttling his kids around in a 1959 Oldsmobile Dynamic 88. Right then and there we knew we were in store for a tour d'elegance. Mad Men's detail-obsessed creators take fastidious pains to nail every aspect of the time period; from fashion minutia and decor choices to the agency's whip-smart product messaging. And the cars are no exception. Not just shiny props, they often serve more as dramatic vehicles to keep the plot moving on eight cylinders.

Leading man Don Draper (played by Jon Hamm) and the rest of the Mad Men cast have driven some of the '60s most memorable cars. CONTRIBUTED

1966 Jaguar XKE Episode: Christmas Waltz

Part research mission to scout out a prospective client whose account is up for grabs and also to cheer Joan up after she's been served with her divorce papers, Don has her tag along on a trip to the Manhattan Jaguar showroom.

While they're crushing on the sensuous curves of high-dollar sedans and sports cars, we spy a pair of MKs, an MK 2, a 420G, and the candy red E-Type that makes Joan's heart flutter. Don forks over a $6,000 check for the privilege of taking the irresistible speedstress out for a spin without the salesman coming along and ruining the joy ride. Wickedly fast for its day, the hot to trot XKE could race at 150 mph (241 km/h).

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1969 Austin-Healey Convertible Episode: Time Zones

Basked in sunlight and California vibes, Megan's green Austin-Healey greets Don at LAX in the most memorable scene of the season seven premiere. The snazzy convertible's low-slung profile accentuates her legs, on full display in a high-hemmed pale blue shift dress. After sharing a welcome smooch, the ad man props opens the passenger door for Megan, signalling that he can drive. She rebuffs his chivalry with a brusque excuse about not wanting to move the seat and takes the wheel. Spencer Davis Group's soulful I'm a Man is the scene's musical accompaniment and drives home the point that Don's days in the driver seat of life may now be in the rear view.

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1962 Cadillac Coupe de Ville Episode: The Gold Violin

"People buy things to realize their aspirations," Bertram Cooper observes after purchasing a Mark Rothko painting. In the same episode, Don himself buys into that foundational sentiment that makes the advertising world hum.

In a Cadillac showroom, Don initially shies away when he's told that the car he's eying is for people who have "arrived." The line triggers Don's insecurities and he has a flashback to his days as a used car salesman.

Later, to celebrate an invite to sit on the board of the Museum of Early American Folk Art, a validation of his rising stature as a hotshot creative director, Don takes the plunge without even bothering to test drive it.

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1968 Chevy Vega Prototype Episode: For Immediate Release

In one of the series' most petrolhead-friendly plots, Don and company scramble to land a Chevy account for a car code named XP-887.

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Anyone looking for their next bespoke Rolls?

The Maggiore Blue colour of the car pays tribute to Campbell's Bluebird K3. CONTRIBUTED

Phantom Drophead Coupé Waterspeed Collection. Special series pays homage to Sir Malcolm Campbell's record-breaking exploits

Inspired by the world water-speed record-breaking exploits of Sir Malcolm Campbell, the new collection of convertibles showcase the levels of craftsmanship and attention to detail that set Rolls-Royce apart from all other companies in the luxury car market.

The Rolls-Royce Phantom Drophead Coupé Waterspeed Collection is a special bespoke series that will only ever run to 35 examples, each of which will be finished in a special Maggiore Blue.

It's a colour developed to pay homage to the Bluebird K3, Campbell's famous Rolls-Royce powered watercraft that on September 2, 1937 hit a top speed of 129.5 mph (208.41 km/h) across Lake Maggiore on the Italian-Swiss border. The run set a new world waterspeed record.

And with the Waterspeed Collection, Rolls-Royce looks like it's trying to set records, too. The Maggiore Blue paint is applied in nine layers and then is sanded back by hand to ensure a perfect surface to receive the finishing lacquered coat.

But it doesn't stop there, as the company's master coachline painter (what U.S. customers would call a pinstriper) then spends four hours adding coachlines and Bluebird motifs.

The Phantom Drophead usually comes with a teak decking cover that raises to receive the roof when the top is down, but this has been replaced, for the first time, by brushed steel.

However, each panel of this steel is hand beaten into shape, a task that takes 70 hours, then the brushed finish is also achieved by hand, adding a further 10 hours on to the process.

Inside, the doors feature hand engraving and there is prodigious use of Abachi wood. Chosen for its special qualities — it's cool to the touch and has a satin-like finish – it is the first time the material has ever featured in a factory-built Rolls-Royce.

As a finishing touch, there's a hand-embroidered panel on the glovebox which lists all of the records Campbell achieved at Lake Maggiore and Coniston Water.

"This very special motor car serves to pay a perfect homage to my grandfather's remarkable acts of British daring and endeavour," said Donald Wales, grandson of Sir Malcolm Campbell. "The extraordinary attention to detail and commitment to engineering excellence so evident in these motor cars perfectly echoes the lengths my grandfather and his colleagues went to in their pursuit of the waterspeed records."

The car was revealed in Chelsea, London, on Tuesday in front of an exclusive audience of invited guests and will make its first public appearance at the Concorso d'Eleganza at the Villa D'Este classic car show in Italy on May 23. AFP

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"The extraordinary attention to detail and commitment to engineering excellence so evident in these motor cars perfectly echoes the lengths my grandfather and his colleagues went to in their pursuit of waterspeed records."

Donald Wales, grandson of Sir Malcolm Campbell
on the new Rolls-Royce bespoke series inspired by Campbell's endeavors

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Three checks for driving safely May Long Weekend

It's finally here! May is a beauty of a month for a drive, but stay alert to potential dangers on the road this season

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At long last, springtime 2014 is finally here to stay! Canadians have suffered a miserable winter of epic proportions, and many of us will soon hit the road with some extra enthusiasm for the warm weather.

Nevertheless, fluctuating weather and temperatures, awakening wildlife and unpredictable road conditions are just a few of the ways that springtime can challenge the safety and confidence of Canadian motorists.

Thankfully, the majority of springtime driving hazards can be avoided by ensuring maximum performance of the family ride in three key areas.

1. Traction
Traction is grip. It's the force that keeps your ride on the road, allows your steering and braking systems to do their jobs, and ensures your vehicle can properly tackle any emergency manoeuvres required to keep you and yours safe.

That's especially important when springtime temperature fluctuations may compromise grip, and when wandering springtime wildlife may present an increased likelihood that you'll need confident traction.

So, think tires. Once temperatures consistently exceed seven degrees Celsius, it's time to put your all-season rubber back on, since winter tires don't perform as well when it's warm out. Proper tire inflation is also key to traction.

2. Visibility
With the possibility of fog, heavy rain, snow, haze and quickly changing weather conditions day or night, visibility becomes front and centre for springtime driving safety.

Ensure your ride provides maximum visibility by checking for burnt-out headlights, and by replacing rubber-wrapped winter wipers with slimmer summer wipers that won't lift away from the windshield at higher speeds.

3. Braking
If your brakes have been pulsating or squealing, or if your brake pedal feels softer and mushier than usual, your brake system likely needs some attention. A mechanic can inspect your vehicle's braking system for early detection of problems before they become serious.

Note that many newer models have advanced features like Electronic Stability Control and Trailer Sway Control that rely on proper brake system performance for maximum effectiveness.

With spring comes a new set of dangers to be aware of as a driver. VOLVO CARS

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How should fuel consumption be measured in 2014?

Bye, miles per gallon. Gas-based measures are losing relevance

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Miles per gallon (MPG), and its eccentric metric cousin, "litres per 100 km," were designed primarily to measure gasoline consumption.

But now that we're using other sources of energy, like diesel, ethanol blends, natural gas, and electricity, these gasoline-derived terms have lost some of their relevancy, and will continue to do so.

They will continue to hang around, however, because like this crazy, creeping vine we have in the backyard, they have a substantial root structure. As such, they have become the reference point.

Take for example, what the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) came up with, to help customers understand electric car "fuel efficiency" — something called miles per gallon equivalent, or MPGe for short.

The EPA's formula for establishing this says 33.7 kilowatt-hours of electricity are equivalent to one (US) gallon of gasoline. The formula can be transferred to metric, to get Le/100 km. The Canadian Nissan Leaf, for example, is rated at 1.9/2.3 Le/100 km (city/highway).

Does that work for you? It doesn't work for me.

It certainly feels like it's stretching the descriptive powers of MPG and L/100 km.

It's like putting a small T-shirt on a standard schnauzer: It does the job, yes, but it's tight and the schnauzer is not happy.

MPG and L/100 km are even having a hard time with the gasoline thing. Many consumers these days complain that their real-world fuel efficiencies rarely match those advertised by the automakers.

Natural Resources Canada is addressing some of this. The ministry demands that manufacturers adhere to new and expanded fuel-testing protocols starting with 2015 model-year vehicles. Unlike previously, the vehicles will also go through cold cycles, air-conditioning cycles, high-speed cycles, and quick acceleration cycles.

But confusing things on the mileage front is all the ethanol the petroleum companies are putting in our gasoline. Each province determines if it wants renewable content in its transportation fuel and at what percentage, but the fuel companies are federally regulated to have at least five per cent average national ethanol content in their fuels.

They're apt to put more in, because ethanol is cheaper than gasoline.

Ethanol may be cleaner, but it has less energy per volume, so fuel economy suffers. The signs at the pumps in Ontario usually say something like, "May contain up to 10 per cent ethanol." Translation: Consumers have no way of knowing how much ethanol is in their tanks. (FYI, diesel contains more energy per volume than gasoline.)

Maybe one day we'll have an energy detector on our "transportation device" to determine exactly how much energy we have on board, regardless of its type, form, or volume, and that energy could be expressed in a new universal energy measurement.

The ethanol in our gasoline confuses things on the mileage front. ISTOCK

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Today's full moon warns that, where money is concerned, nothing is what it seems. For that reason, it would be wise to think twice before signing up to anything you don't have complete personal control over.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You will have to face someone who opposes you. If you value your independence, tackle them head on and leave them in no doubt that you will fight for your right to do your thing.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
It might be wise to slow down, especially if you have been pushing your mind and your body to extremes. Cosmic activity in the wellbeing area of your chart warns if you push harder, you could face collapse.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You want to build something of lasting value but it is beginning to dawn on you that you won't be able to do it on your own. So, work with people who share your dream.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The Sun in the career area of your chart is on your side but other forces are at work trying to deny you the chance to move up in the world. Don't give in to negative people or negative thoughts.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Don't let anyone convince you that your ideas are of no value. Today's full moon will muddy waters and make you wonder what fact and fiction but you can trust your inner voice.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you let your emotions influence what should be a purely logical decision today, you could end up out of pocket. Where money is concerned you must not take risks, not even if the potential rewards are great.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today's full moon in your sign will give you the energy you need to go your own way and, most importantly, stand up for your right to be different. If it means you fall out with certain people, well, that's too bad.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are who you are for a reason, so don't let anyone get away with telling you that you should think or act in ways that don't feel right to you.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will be forthright in your views today and not everyone will like it. Too bad. Most of the time you keep your opinions to yourself but now and again you go right the other way and shout them from the rooftops.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
It will be easy to get annoyed with certain people today but if you are wise you will call upon your reserves of self-control. If you do fall out with someone, forgive and forget quickly.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Some things in life are important and some things are not. Do you know how to tell the difference? Today's full moon will encourage people to get agitated about issues that are not worth the effort. Don't be one of them. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers

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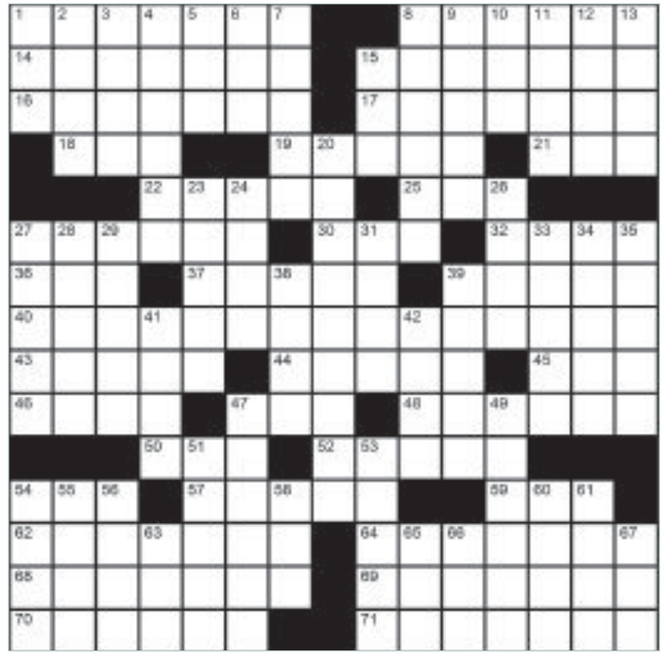

Across
1. Scottish estate in Hamilton
8. France's famed film festival
14. Canadian rock guitar great, Domenic __
15. Where many cowboy movies occur: 2 wds.
16. Michael __, Vancouver-born actor
17. Toronto Raptors, e.g.: 2 wds.
18. Find out
19. The __ __ the Hat
21. Morse Code tap
22. Mil. mission sort
25. Canadian hockey great Mr. Apps
27. English band, __ Chiefs
30. Valley, in Wales
32. "__ __ put our heads together..." (Let's think!)
36. Amer. currency
37. Edith Piaf's "__ __ en Rose"
39. "It's the end of __.": 2 wds.
40. Saskatchewan's provincial animal, __-__ __
43. Fit
44. Northwest Territories: Mackenzie __
45. Old Rome's 650
46. Skater Michelle
47. Dudes
48. "I Will Take Care of You" Canadian songstress: 2 wds.
50. Calendar component
52. __, Oklahoma
54. _ _ _ piping
57. Crunchy
59. Permit
62. Hamlet character
64. Modernly messaged
68. Romance language
69. Celebrity chef Ms. Lawson
70. Cartography caption
71. Gowns

Down
1. Go from _ __ B
2. Vases
3. __ Saint-Luc, QC
4. Granola-eating backpackers
5. Author, Rita __ Brown
6. Santa __, California
7. Classic commercial gadgets brand
8. Early-1900s art movement
9. __ __ rate
10. Canada part, e.g.
11. Essential
12. Actor Mr. Morales
13. Income tax __.
15. Ottawa's prov.
20. Vancouver heavy metal band
23. Tried to catch a Moray, say
24. 'Demo' suffix
26. Adam __, Toronto Blue Jays player
27. Kris Jenner's series [acronym]
28. Put on _ __ (Perform)
29. "Let It Go" singer Ms. Menzel
31. Sound
33. Supplies sustenance
34. Jalopy
35. Too soon
38. __ mecum (Handbook)
39. Canuck songwriting team, __-Vallance
41. Be inclined
42. And others, commonly: 2 wds.
47. Abundant
49. Bill and Hillary when univ. students
51. Be a part of, as a movie: 2 wds.
53. Overturn
54. Mr. Esposito, Tony's brother
55. Choose a candidate
56. Jagged cliff
58. 'Opt' suffix
60. Building wings
61. Prefix with 'conference'
63. Beer
65. Deorbited space station
66. Bronze __
67. "__ Boot" (1981)

Yesterday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

8		1				2		
	2	7		4	6	9		
	9		3		2		1	
5	7		8				6	
			5	1	3			
	3				7		4	2
	5		4		1		9	
		6	2	5		4	7	
		4				1		5

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	9	3	2	7	4	8	5	1
7	2	1	8	6	5	9	3	4
8	5	4	3	1	9	7	6	2
4	8	7	1	5	3	2	9	6
2	3	5	6	9	7	1	4	8
9	1	6	4	8	2	5	7	3
3	4	9	7	2	8	6	1	5
1	7	2	5	4	6	3	8	9
5	6	8	9	3	1	4	2	7

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